(c) A show cause notice has since been issued proposing (i) recovery of customs duty amounting to Rs. 9,64,768/- alleged to have been evaded by M|s. ITC Ltd. on a calendering machine, (ii) confiscation of the machinery alleged to have been imported in contravention of the Customs and/or Import Trade Control laws (iii) imposition of penalty on the Company/persons concerned.

The matter relating to violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 has been referred to the Enforcement Directorate.

Diversification of works of Botanical Survey of India

1126. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved setting up of two units of Botanical Survey of India at Solan and Hyderabad, respectively during the 7th Five Year Plan period;

(b) the extent to which the above decision has been implemented and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any plan for diversification of work of Botanical Survey of India; and

(d) if so, whether recommendations made in the Seminar "On Diversification of work of Botanical Survey of India" organised by Botanical Survey of India Employees Association in January, 1991 would be considered before finalising the plan of diversifiaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Based on comprehensive review, functions and organisation of Botanical Survey of India have been restructured and targets spelt out for realisation of its objectives in a time frame spanning upto 2000 AD. At present, no plan for diversification of work of the Botanical Survey of India is under consideration of the Government.

1127. [*Transferred to the 1st August, 1991*].

Setting up of an AIR Strip in Darjeeling

1128. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Darjeeling under the aegis of the Hill Council a project for setting up of an air strip in the very heart of tigerhill is going on damaging the ecological balance if the region;

(b) if so, whether the Council has received clearance from the Environment Department for setting up of this air strip; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Even though no formal proposal has been submitted yet Ministry is aware that Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council are planning to construct an air-strip on the 'Tiger Hills' near Darjeeling. The implication of such construction is under examination.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The matter is being looked into by the Ministry.

Recommendations of Tikku Committee on Service conditions of Doctors

1129. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND